(c) and (d) A Techno-economic feasibility study for development of Kakinada-Mercaunum canal system integrated with Godavari and Krishna rivers has been undertaken. The study from Kakinada to Chennai was completed in 1995 which was enlarged during 1998-99 for integrated waterway system including canal system between Kakinada and Mercaunum and Godavari and Krishna rivers.

(e) and (1) Do not arise.

Construction of Nidampur by-pass

3332. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state by what time Government would issue the administrative approval and make the necessary funds available for the construction of Nidampur by-pass?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): Construction of by-passes are accorded low priority due to constraint of funds. In view of this construction of Nidampur by-pass on National Highway-64 is not included in the proposed Annual Plan 2000-2001 of the Punjab State.

Construction of by-pass on NH-64

3333. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up construction work of by-pass at Patiala on National Highway-64 on priority basis in view of heavy congestion of general traffic and military movement within Patiala city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The by-passes are being accorded low priority. However, the land acquisition for the Patiala by-pass is in progress.